Barbed Wire Fencing of Rail Lines

1027. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of barbed wire fencing of Rail lines passing through sensitive areas like Jammu to Punjab, Rajasthan and Assam is proposed to be undertaken to prevent/counter terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) State Government of Jammu and Kashmir had asked Railway to examine possibility of providing fencing on both sides of Railways track from Jammu to Ghagwal from security reasons. Proposal to provide this fencing at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.90 crores has been sent to J and K Govt. for their acceptance. As regards the fencing of Rail lines in Punjab, Rajasthan and Assam, there is no such proposal.

(c) Work will be taken up from Jammu to Ghagwal after it is sanctioned by State Government of J and K and necessary funds provided by them.

Upgradation of Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh

1028. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stations in Andhra Pradesh selected for upgradation as model stations;

(b) by when the works would be undertaken; and

(c) the allocation proposed to be made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Guntur, Guntakal, Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam and Warangal stations in Andhra Pradesh have been selected as model stations for upgradation of

passenger amenities. Action has already been initiated to provide upgraded facilities at Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Tirupati, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada stations. Since Guntur, Guntakal, Rajahmundry and Warangal have been selected as model stations only recently, instructions have been issued to the concerned Railways to initiate action to provide upgraded amenities at these stations at the earliest. The required funds shall be provided for execution of identified works during 2000-2001.

Remodelling of Railway Stations in A.P.

1029. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal for remodelling of Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Vijayawada Railway Stations;

(b) by when the work would start; and

(c) the amount earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Details of Works taken up are as under:—

Secunderabad:

Works of provision of second entry on Bhoiguda side include plantation and land scaping on both sides, improvements to booking office and washable apron on Road No. 3 were completed recently. Construction of new station building and circulating area on Bhoiguda side has already been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 163.00 lakhs.

Hyderabad:

Work of remodelling of station building, at a cost of Rs. 2.46 Crores is in progress. In addition works for provision of washable apron on platform line, improvements to surface of platforms No. 6 and 7, mastic flooring on platform No. 1 and 2, extension of cover over platform No. 1 and 2, improvements to lighting